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My husband and I own the historic farmhouse at 5310 Kilkenny Road, approximately one quarter mile from the proposed Battery Energy Storage System proposed by Corby Energy. The home was constructed in 1900 by acclaimed builder George H. Sharpe and represents the last of the Victorian homes and farmhouses for which Mr. Sharpe became famous. Other prominent structures he built still standing today include the Frank H. Buck home, the William Henry Buck home, the Harbison House at the Nut Tree and the Carnegie Library to name just a few in Vacaville.

We are in the process of securing California Historic Landmark status as well as National Register of Historic Places status for our home. The Corby BESS project will cause substantial adverse change to the prime agricultural land that once was part of the original 167 acres purchased by Anthony Kilkenny in 1875. After the death of Mr. Kilkenny in 1886, Catherine, his wife, went on to become a successful farmer and rancher and purchased several more non-adjacent properties in the area. In fact, shortly before her death in 1921 she sold some of her property to PG&E to construct the Vaca-Dixon Substation.

How ironic that we now find ourselves and our neighbors in a position of having to implore the California Energy Commission to deny the request of Corby Energy for the proposed BESS project at the corner of Byrnes Road and Kilkenny Road, but the substantial adverse change proposed and before you will end the proud history this land and structure represents.